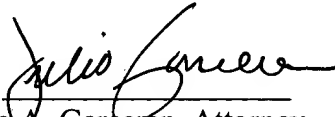


### REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly define over the cited references. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance. In the event of any fees inadvertently omitted or any improper payment of fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No.12-2325 to correct the error now or during the pendency of this application, except for the issue fee.

If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone conversation would be helpful, please contact Julio Garceran at (973) 386-2286.

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